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"When a presiding officer asks your help be glad to accept and give the best you have to that labour. The Lord expects this of us, and we are under covenant to do so. This course brings joy and peace, and at the same time those who serve receive the greatest blessing."—JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH.

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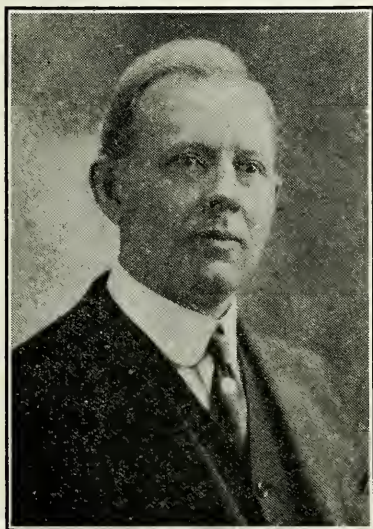
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THE picture of a sturdy boy struggling to get a bridle over the ears of a docile but tricky work horse is familiar to many of us. The boy is the interesting figure in the picture, for a boy is a bundle of possibilities. Time and experience teaches one respect for boys in general. In this land of opportunity no one can tell where a few years will take a boy if he is intelligent, honest and ambitious.



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Perhaps some day you will want to borrow money and the boy you knew will name the terms and tell you where to sign on the dotted line; he may sit in judgment upon your behaviour and decide your case in court; he may look into your fevered face and prescribe bitter doses, or, by the skillful use of his knife, save your life; he may represent you in the legislative

halls of your country, or fight your battles on foreign soil. The barefoot boy with sun-tanned face and wind-scorched lips, may some day stand upon the platform and, with reason and eloquence, inspire you to higher and better things. Yes, a boy is a bundle of possibilities.

Joseph Fielding Smith, as a boy, harnessed the family horse when he had to stand on a box to do it and took his devoted mother, Julina Lampson Smith, on many an errand of mercy and relief. The spirit of service which he learned in those days has grown stronger and brighter with the years.

In his thirty-fourth year he was ordained an apostle. However, this was not the beginning of his service, for all his days he had been active in the Church. In his twenty-third year he went on a mission to Great Britain, returning two years later, after which he served as a home missionary, a high councillor and in other capacities in the Salt Lake Stake of Zion.

At a tender age he manifested a real interest in Church history and found great delight in studying the principles of the Gospel and doctrines of the Church. Naturally he went to his father with many questions. No boy ever had a better teacher of the glorious truths of "Mormonism" than he had in the person of his distinguished father.

This dispensation has produced few, if any, abler or more militant defenders of the faith of his people than President Joseph F. Smith. He possessed not only a clear and profound knowledge of the fundamental principles of the Gospel of the Master, but he had in his soul a flaming conviction of their divinity. No mortal could bear this testimony with more convincing power than he could. He was not only a great father and a mighty preacher of righteousness, but he typified our loftiest conception of a real man—a man whose convictions were backed by a loyalty and a consecrated devotion to the truth that was never challenged by friend or foe.

It is indeed a priceless thing for any boy to have such a teacher. There was a gentleness and nobility, a solidity and sweetness, an intelligence and capacity compounded in the character of Joseph F. Smith which won your confidence and secured your everlasting allegiance. President Smith will go down in history as a great spiritual leader. His fidelity to his friends was supreme, his faith flawless, his course colossal, a stranger to fear and free from guile. All of these heroic virtues were not only bred in Joseph Fielding, but cultivated through contact with his noble father. No son of President Joseph F. Smith could be lacking in courage or guilty of cowardice and still be true to his father. All his sons have a reverential regard for their father, and they should have. Joseph Fielding pays this sincere tribute to him :

My father was the most tender-hearted man I ever knew. His sympathy was perpetually drawn out towards the down-trodden and

oppressed. Especially was his love extended towards little children. He loved them all and could not bear to see them wrongfully treated. This sympathy and tenderness was extended towards the animal kingdom. "I never could see why a man should be imbued with a blood-thirsty desire to kill and destroy animal life. . . . I think it is wicked for men to thirst in their souls to kill almost everything which possesses animal life," was his constant teaching by example and by precept.

As a preacher of righteousness, the sincerity of his words penetrated the souls of men. He spoke as one having authority and with a firmness, conviction and confidence begotten of a knowledge of the truth. There was no element of doubt or uncertainty in his testimony. Especially was this so when he spoke of the divinity of our Saviour or the mission of the prophet Joseph Smith. "It has sunk deep into my heart; it fills every fiber of my soul; so that I say before this people, and would be pleased to have the privilege of saying it before the whole world, that God has revealed unto me that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Redeemer of the world; that Joseph Smith is, was, and always will be a prophet of God, ordained to stand at the head of this dispensation of the fulness of time, the keys of which were given to him, and he will hold them until the winding up scene. . . . I know as I live that this is true, and I bear my testimony to its truth." Such was the nature of his testimony.

Among my fondest memories are the hours I have spent by his side discussing principles of the Gospel and receiving instruction as only he could give it. In this way the foundation for my own knowledge was laid in truth, so that I, too, can say I know that my Redeemer lives, and that Joseph Smith is, was, and always will be a prophet of the living God.

In his boyhood days Joseph Fielding herded cows near the Jordan River and learned to swim in its sluggish and dangerous waters. With his brothers he worked on a farm in Taylorsville, Utah. Farm experiences teach boys to be resourceful and patient. Both of these virtues are indispensable in the development of character.

In his youth he played baseball and other games common in those times. For almost a score of years he has consistently and with regularity played handball in the Deseret Gymnasium. Although his eyesight is not perfect he plays the game skillfully and with great zest. Thousands of people have listened to him speak, but very few are familiar with the genial smile which lights up his countenance when he plays. Play reveals the real man as nothing else does. Neither veneer nor parade behaviour carry over in the contest of a real game. To know Joseph Fielding Smith you must play with him, live with him.

In answer to this question put to his wife: "Will you tell us something about the man you know?" she said:

You ask me to tell you of the man I know. I have often thought when he is gone people will say, "He is a very good man, sincere, ortho-

dox," etc. They will speak of him as the public knows him ; but the man they have in mind is very different from the man I know. The man I know is a kind, loving husband and father whose greatest ambition in life is to make his family happy, entirely forgetful of self in his efforts to do this. He is the man that lulls to sleep the fretful child, who tells bedtime stories to the little ones, who is never too tired or too busy to sit up late at night or to get up early in the morning to help the older children solve perplexing school problems. When illness comes the man I know watches tenderly over the afflicted one and waits upon him. It is their father for whom they cry, feeling his presence a panacea for all ills. It is his hands that bind up the wounds, his arms that give courage to the sufferer, his voice that remonstrates with them gently when they err, until it becomes their happiness to do the thing that will make him happy.

The man I know is most gentle, and if he feels that he has been unjust to anyone the distance is never too far for him to go and, with loving words or kind deeds, erase the hurt. He welcomes gladly the young people to his home and is never happier than when discussing with them topics of the day—sports or whatever interests them most. He enjoys a good story and is quick to see the humour of a situation, to laugh and to be laughed at, always willing to join in any wholesome activity.

The man I know is unselfish, uncomplaining, considerate, thoughtful, sympathetic, doing everything within his power to make life a supreme joy for his loved ones. That is the man I know.

In 1898 Joseph Fielding Smith married Louise E. Shurtliff, daughter of Lewis W. Shurtliff of Ogden, a woman of singular sweetness and strength of character. Ten years later she died, leaving two daughters, Josephine and Julina. He subsequently married Ethel G. Reynolds, daughter of the late George Reynolds, who is the mother of five sons and four daughters. She manages with ability her household and is an active and valued member of the general board of Relief Society. She is not only a woman of refinement and capacity but a technician in the fine art of home making.

The children of this family are prominent in educational matters and they know how to work and how to carry responsibilities. In all respects this is a brilliant and superior family, a distinct credit to the state and to the Church to which they belong.

Joseph Fielding Smith is gifted with an unusual spiritual insight and has a profound interest in things spiritual. Through diligent study and patient research he has developed an understanding of the doctrines of the Church and a comprehension of the magnitude of the Gospel which has made him an authority in this field. You trust him because of the soundness of his judgment and the wisdom of his religious teachings. He belongs to the school of fundamentalists. He stands for the worship of the true and living God as taught by the Scriptures and as revealed to the prophet, Joseph Smith.

He is never harassed with doubts or disturbed with skepticism concerning the fundamental principles of the religion of the Latter-day Saints. His faith rests upon a secure foundation, a foundation that can never be disturbed by the trials of adversity or the disintegrating forces of luxury. His vision is as clear and his faith is as perfect as that of the ancient prophets. It can be said of Joseph Fielding Smith as it was of Nathanael of old: "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" and he could exclaim with Joshua, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

Although a comparatively young man he has made some notable and valuable contributions to the literature of the Church, and has established himself as an authority on the doctrines and practices of the Church. He is the author of the following books and pamphlets: *Blood Atonement and Origin of Plural Marriage*, *The Origin of the Reorganized Church and the Question of Succession*, *The Essentials of Church History*, *Elijah the Prophet and his Mission*, *Reorganized Church vs. Salvation for the Dead*, *Salvation Universal*, *The Smiths of Topsfield*, *The Way to Perfection*.

He is one of the best informed men among us on the historical and doctrinal phases of "Mormonism." He has a narrative style in his writings which is clear and interesting.

He is a fearless defender of the faith and a militant preacher of righteousness. The abiding sentiments of his soul are gentleness, sincerity and friendliness. He believes so intensely in the principles which he preaches that we fear his attitude is sometimes misunderstood. No matter how favourably one may be impressed with the public utterances or how much they may be influenced by the writings of Joseph Fielding Smith—to know him personally and intimately, to work with him, to play with him, to become acquainted with his home life, with his solicitude for his children, with his devotion to his wife, with his kindness toward his employees, to know the genuineness and depth of his friendship, the strength and sweetness of his character—is to know his real worth as a man.

He has a native modesty and reserve which may make it difficult for him to mingle freely with some people, especially strangers. He is sincerely affectionate but never gushes—the current of his friendship runs deep and strong and quiet. To know him at intimate range is to love him. He is not a recluse but essentially a student and devotes every spare moment to reading and research. His life is a busy and a happy one, full of every-day kindness.

The work which he is doing brings to him genuine satisfaction. He is historian of the Church, first counsellor in the presidency of the Salt Lake Temple, vice-president and treasurer of the Genealogical Society of Utah. He was the first editor and busi-

ness manager of the *Utah Genealogical Historical Magazine* published in January, 1910. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Brigham Young University and of the Church Board of Education, director of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company and of Zion's Savings Bank and Trust Company.

Outside the service which he is called upon to render as an apostle his major responsibility is directing the work in the Historian's office, where nearly a score of men and women are kept busy carrying on the work.

The office of Church Historian and General Church Recorder is an old one and an important one—it has existed since the organization of the Church. It is interesting to note the men who have served in this position. The records show that Oliver Cowdery occupied this position from 1830-1831; John Whitmer, 1831-1838; Willard Richards, 1842-1854; George A. Smith, 1854-1870; Orson Pratt, 1873-1881; Wilford Woodruff, 1883-1889; Franklin D. Richards, 1889-1899; Anthon H. Lund, 1900-1921, and Joseph Fielding Smith, 1921 to the present time.

During these years many other men have assisted as recorders and assistant Historians, among whom are: George W. Robinson, John Corril, Elias Higbee, Robert B. Thompson, James Sloan, Albert Carrington, Robert L. Campbell, John Jacques, A. Milton Musser, Andrew Jenson, Charles W. Penrose, Orson F. Whitney, B. H. Roberts, Junius F. Wells and A. William Lund.

Through this office the Church has sought to preserve all important documents, letters, books, pamphlets, etc., pertaining to the Church. An endeavour has been made to obtain books written by non-"Mormons" both for and against the Church. All records of wards, stakes and missions are filed in this office with a history of all the settlements made by the Church and its members. A daily journal recording all important events pertaining to the Church and to civil affairs is compiled and kept in this office. An effort has been made to gather pictures of the leading brethren and sisters, of Church edifices and of historical incidents. This gallery has already come to be a very attractive feature of the Historian's office. A visit impresses one with the character and quality of the leadership of this people from the beginning.

One of the impressive lessons of all history is that "Righteousness exalteth a nation and sin is a reproach to any people." Joseph Fielding is a crusader against iniquity and against the violation of any principle that would bring remorse or discomfort upon the people. He loves humanity and has sublime faith in the saving power of the principles which he preaches. Back of all his endeavours is a deep desire to help mankind. No one who understands him could question for a moment the rectitude of his intentions or the wisdom of the words which he utters.

Thoughtful people can have little faith in the permanence of

any civilization, church or organization, if depravity becomes prevalent among its members. This is the burden of his message, the motive of all he says.

Joseph Fielding Smith is strong in the common virtues which underlie every sound life—honest, benevolent, dependable and God-fearing, robust in intellect, vigorous in body, clear in his convictions, unyielding in his purposes, sound in his thinking, pure and lofty in his aims, with a simplicity and sweetness permeating it all that marks a noble character. He has the endowments that eminently fit him for the great apostolic office which he holds and honours.

AUXILIARY SUMMER GUIDE

WE realize that summer conditions make attendance at meetings on several nights of the week less possible than during the winter season. We also realize that Gospel light and knowledge comes to people only as they study and make application of the newly acquired principles of truth. With the above thoughts in mind, in order to reduce the number of evenings taken, while at the same time desiring to provide opportunity for needed growth and study, we have worked out a summer programme schedule which should prove highly interesting and suitable for all to follow. This will be in effect during the months of July, August and September.

The summer schedule calls for two meetings each week. One of these will be a *Priesthood and Relief Society Meeting* and the other a *Branch Summer Meeting* with the branch presidency in charge.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIEF SOCIETY

IN THE PRIESTHOOD and Relief Society meeting, the brethren will meet with the sisters but once each month, and after the preliminary exercises they will separate and spend the time in giving reports, making assignments, etc. The Relief Societies will meet independently of the Priesthood the other three or four nights of the month and use the time sewing, in preparation for a big Art Bazaar in the fall. If the sisters desire a lesson period, the manuals of the last three years should be reviewed. This will also be an opportune time for the Relief Society sisters to conduct outdoor outings and indoor programmes of a suitable nature.

First Week. Priesthood and Relief Society meet conjointly for the opening exercises. Preliminary programme under the direction of the Priesthood. *Separation* into class work. The Priesthood will spend the evening discussing the conditions and

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1932

EDITORIAL

“WINE CAVES”

WE were travelling from Tours to Lyons, from conference to conference, over the rolling, well cultivated lands of central France, where vineyards and garden crops alternate in endless profusion.

The road wound its picturesque way, for many miles, between the river Cher, and a high, rocky escarpment or bluff. Into this bluff numerous large caves had been dug; and many of the houses were built into the rock, communicating directly with the caverns. These were famous wine caves, some of them large enough to accommodate thousands of barrels of grape juice.

The value of the caves to the wine manufacturer is that they furnish places of almost unchanging condition of temperature and humidity for the fermentation of the grape juice. Outside of the caves, snow or rain may fall; winter cold and summer heat may succeed each other; but within the caves, protected by vast thicknesses of rock, climatic conditions are undisturbed.

The wine produced under such unchanging conditions is of uniform strength and flavour, recognized under definite brands wherever wine is used. Fermentation goes on, sugars are broken down, delicate aromatic compounds are formed, but the limits of the activity are precisely set by the constant environment so that a desirable product is always obtained. Fermentation under changing conditions of heat and moisture produces wines of variable quality, now good, now bad, never the same, and of low market value.

The application of this principle to human life is obvious. A fine and noble character is produced only by the constant use of definite principles of righteousness. The more uniformly correct conduct is practised throughout life, the more certain is the making of a beautiful career. To do good to-day, and evil to-morrow; to hate one neighbour and to love another; to be honest with men and dishonest with the Lord—such variability can not produce joyous men and women of delectable, spiritual flavour.

Regular attention to the simple duties of the Church yields desirable spiritual power. Each meeting attended; each kindly service rendered; every conformity to the commandments of the Lord, and the practices of the Church, form a spiritual environment, in which the inner nature of man is brought into a con-

dition more acceptable to God and man. Irregularity in performing one's spiritual duties, is dangerous, for life's product may, thereby, become bitter and of little value.

A person who deliberately sets out to conform obediently to the requirements of his cause or group does not lead a monotonous life. Every possession of mind and body may be used in behalf of his ideals. In fact, he lives more richly, more abundantly, than the one who by disobedience and occasional conformity finds himself out of harmony with his ever changing moods. The end product of the changeful, selfish life is unhappiness; of the constant, self-less life is happiness. The first reaps misery; the latter joy.

Latter-day Saints if wise, will carefully, constantly and always obey the inspired requirements made of them.—W.

OFF FOR THE CONTINENT

ON Saturday last President James H. Douglas and Sister Rintia P. Douglas of the British Mission, and Patriarch James H. Wallis and Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis of the European Mission, left London for the conference of mission presidents which will open at Prague, headquarters of the Zechoslovakia Mission, on Tuesday, July 5th. At Paris they will be joined by President Golden L. Woolf and Sister Beth C. Woolf of the French Mission, and at Basle, Switzerland, by President Franz Salzner and Sister Laura W. Salzner of the Swiss-German Mission. On the return journey, President Douglas and Patriarch Wallis and wives will visit the headquarters of the German-Austrian Mission at Berlin, and the Netherlands Mission at Rotterdam.

President Arthur Gaeth and Sister Gaeth have made elaborate arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the mission presidents and their wives, comprising the European Mission, during their stay in Prague. President John A. Widtsoe and Sister Leah D. Widtsoe of the European Mission have been on the continent for the past two months, visiting the different missions and investigating prospective fields for the introduction of the Gospel. The last report from them states that they are enjoying perfect health and are much encouraged at the work being done in the different missions for the furtherance of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIEF SOCIETY

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needs of the branch, making assignments and giving reports. The Relief Society has no set study course to follow, and may, if they so desire, spend the evening sewing in preparation for the big Art Bazaar next fall, or in reviewing the lessons from any one of the last three manuals.

Second Week. The Relief Society will meet independently of the Priesthood and after the opening exercises and preliminary programme may, if they so desire, spend the evening sewing, in preparation for the big Art Bazaar in the autumn, or in reviewing the lessons from any one of the last three manuals, or an outdoor or indoor social. The activity of this meeting is optional with the Relief Society.

Third Week. Same as Second Week.

Fourth Week. Same as Second Week.

BRANCH MEETING

THIS meeting will convene principally for the purpose of studying the outlined study course. The little leaflet, *Abbreviated Lessons in Church History*, has been prepared as the text for this occasion. You will find that detail has been omitted in preparing this work, and this through necessity because of the short time allotted to cover the course. For broader reading of subjects merely mentioned in this leaflet, we would refer you to the *Essentials in Church History* by Joseph Fielding Smith.

For greater efficiency and progress in this course, the teacher and students should prepare the lesson before the meeting—the lesson period to be used in discussing and answering the questions at the end of each chapter. Be sure to have all assignments given, at least, one week in advance.

Lesson Text: *Abbreviated Lessons in Church History*.

First Night. Opening Exercises. Preliminary Programme. Have some well-informed person give a history of the principal industry carried on in your city or town. Lesson No. 1 of the text, pp. 1-4. "Necessity for a Restoration," "Ancestry of Joseph Smith," "Boyhood of Joseph Smith," "The Vision," "The Visitation of Moroni." Related material found in *Essentials in Church History*, pp. 22-60.

Second Night. Opening Exercises. (No preliminary programme.) Lesson No. 2 of the text, pp. 4-7. "Joseph Receives the Record—the Priesthood Restored," "The Witnesses of the Book of Mormon," "Revelation on Doctrine and Church Government," "The Church Organized," "Beginning of the Public Ministry of the Church." Related material found in *Essentials in Church History*, pp. 60-109. Conclude the evening with some spirited community singing.

Third Night. Opening Exercises. Preliminary Programme. Have someone give a biographical sketch of a prominent leader in Church history, including incidents of his life. Lesson No. 3, pp. 7-10 in the text. "Public Ministry of the Church—Continued," "Removal of the Church in New York to Ohio," "The Land of Zion—Its Dedication," "The Book of Commandments—

The Vision of the Glories—The Hiram Mobbing.” Related material found in *Essentials in Church History*, pp. 109-148.

Fourth Night. Opening Exercises. Indoor Social. Suggestive helps will be sent out for an enjoyable evening in the *Summer Recreational Bulletin*. Let us resolve to enter into the summer programme with zeal and interest.

Note: Where conditions are favourable, all organization members of all the branches will assemble together for a big district out-door programme sometime during the first week in August. The district president will arrange the most convenient date, and all members are encouraged to join in the fun and festivities of the occasion. Please follow the Guides in the *Star* closely, for a successful summer's activity.

JAMES H. DOUGLAS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR JULY

WE'LL sing all hail to Jesus' name
 And praise and honour give
 To Him who bled on Calvary's hill,
 And died that we might live.

The Concert Recitation should be recited by the Gospel Doctrine Department before the school on the first, third and fifth Sundays, and by the New Testament Department on the second and fourth Sundays.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

July 3. Concert recitation. (Twelfth Article of Faith.) “We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honouring and sustaining the law.” Lesson 21. “Relationship to Our Dead.” The Latter-day Saints are the only people in the world who are actively engaged in temple work for the salvation of their dead. This practice is based upon the revealed truth that law is universal in its application; in other words, to be specific, baptism being essential to the salvation of one human being, is essential to the salvation of all human beings. In still other words, the laws of God are based upon absolute verities, and therefore are inescapable if the attendant blessings are to be received.

July 10. Lesson 22. “The Home.” The home is absolutely basic to civilization; destroy it, and society will fail. Modern innovations, such as the automobile, picture shows, etc., have a tendency to take people from their homes. Parents, accordingly, must be unceasingly active in making their homes more attractive. Undoubtedly the most beneficial of all factors in this connection is genuine and unfeigned parental love; indeed, nothing in the world can substitute for it. Children are quick to detect the least signs of insincerity or unfairness on the part of their

parents. Love at home is the world's greatest bond between parent and child.

July 17. Lesson 23. "Loyalty to Law." Obedience to law is basic to the security of life, property, and society. People are not justified in expecting the protection which society affords unless they are willing to comply with its laws. All law-breakers are unfair; they expect the advantages of society without conforming their conduct to its restraints. If laws are undesirable they should be changed in the appointed way, but while they exist, they should never be broken or ignored. The protection which law affords must be paid for by obedience. Every individual owes allegiance to the country that protects him.

July 24. Lesson 24. "Free-Will Offering." The "Mormon" system of free-will offerings is the most efficient means known of church financing. It places the greatest responsibility upon those who can best afford to pay, and hence it is the most fair. The principle of tithing prevents the existence of classes in the Church, since it recognizes the widow's tithing as equivalent to that of the rich man. Then, too, individuals grow unceasingly by giving. This blessing should not be restricted to a few, but should be enjoyed by the entire Church membership.

July 31. Lesson 25. "Reality of Modern Revelation." The revelations received in modern times are as real as those of any other day. In no mythical or unreal sense, God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, appeared to Joseph Smith, as did also Peter, James and John, and other heavenly personages. Every criticism made against the Church in this respect has utterly failed of its purpose, and "Mormonism" to the world is becoming more vital every day, also more widely accepted.

NEW TESTAMENT "A" DEPARTMENT

July 3. Concert Recitation. (Matthew 6:24). "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." Lesson 19. "The Death of John the Baptist." Texts: Mark 6:14-29; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 33. Objective: Evil doers always fear the presence and indignation of a righteous man.

July 10. Lesson 20. "Feeding the Five Thousand." Texts: Mark 5:30-46; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapters 24 and 25. Objective: The teachings and actions of Jesus show as much concern for the welfare and happiness of this life as of the life to come.

July 17. Lesson 21. "Jesus Walks on the Sea." Texts: Matt. 14:22-36; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 36. Objective: The accomplishment of any objective is dependent upon the maintenance of faith and the confidence of one's ability to do it.

July 24. Lesson 22. "Jesus Again at Capernaum." Texts: John 6: 22-71; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 37. Objective: The cleanliness of one's life is determined by the kind of thoughts one has and by the attitude of one's heart.

July 31. Lesson 23. "The Transfiguration." Texts: Mark 9: 2-13; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapters 39 and 40. Objective: Those chosen to be leaders in the work of the Lord receive such manifestations and revelations as the needs of the work require.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

July 3. Lesson 20. "Israel Set Free." Texts: Exodus 13: 16-22; 14; 15: 1-22. Objective: "Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

July 10. Lesson 21. "God Sends Food and Drink to Israel." Texts: Exodus 15: 23-27; 16. Objective: "The Lord blesses those who keep His commandments."

July 17. Lesson 22. "At Sinai." Text: Exodus 19: 20; 23: 20-26; 24; 7: 12-18. Objective: "The Lord blesses those who keep His commandments."

July 24. Lesson 23. "The Third Commandment." "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

July 3. A Picture Lesson.

The Instructor.

It is suggested that the two and one-half minute talks be based on the following topics: "The relationship between obedience and accomplishment," and "Opportunity entails accountability."

For singing practice during the month of July, the following songs are suggested: "Now We'll Sing With One Accord," and "The Time is Nigh, the Happy Time." Make all assignments at least one week in advance.

J. B. B.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SPIRITUAL enlightenment and sound advice, featured the annual spring conference of the Newcastle District, held in the Latter-day Saint chapel, West Hartlepool, June 12th.

President Cleon H. Kerr conducted the exercises and extended a hearty welcome to all in attendance. The morning service consisted of a preliminary programme, administration of the sacrament and division of the Priesthood and Relief Society for separate instruction. In the Priesthood section four brethren were advanced to the Priesthood. Each branch president gave a brief report on conditions extant in his branch, and bore testimony concerning the progressive nature of the work in which he was engaged. President Douglas and Patriarch Wallis then occupied the remainder of the time, exhorting the members to honour the

Priesthood and respect its ordinances, and urging diligence in bringing the lost sheep back to the fold. Sisters of the Relief Society were very capably advised by Sister Douglas and Sister Wallis in regard to their duties.

At the afternoon session President Kerr announced the results of the district M.I.A. contest, and presented the General Authorities of the Church and British Mission. An activity report of the accomplishments of the district between November 20th, 1931, and May 20th, 1932, indicated the following: A total district membership of 601, 84 of whom hold the Priesthood. Organized branches exist at Gateshead, Middlesbrough, Shildon, Skelton, South Shields, Sunderland and West Hartlepool. Unorganized branches are at Hexham, Blyth and Carlisle. All branch offices are held by local members. Two successful lantern slide lectures and 61 socials and outings have been sponsored. Travelling missionaries during the last six months have distributed 53,622 tracts; 2,584 pamphlets; 130 copies of the Book of Mormon, and 125 miscellaneous books. A total of 14,883 hours have been spent in active missionary labour. Attendance at Sacrament meeting has increased twenty per cent., and payment of tithes ten per cent. Fruits of sincere proselyting activity are demonstrated in the exceptionally commendable record of twenty-five baptisms during the last six months.

Elders John F. Hawkins, David L. Rowley, William K. Whatcott, Cyril A. Linford, Henry Groom, Harold E. Dean, Richard G. Johnson and Cleon H. Kerr were the speakers of the afternoon. Each delivered a concise address on a phase of the Gospel. Sweet and appropriate musical numbers were rendered by the Middlesbrough Primary and a chorus from the South Shields Branch.

A large and attentive body of saints and visitors assembled for the final and evening session. Patriarch Wallis spoke first. He related the various sources of misrepresentation that the Church had to contend with, explained the great blessing to humanity occasioned by the restoration of the Gospel and pointed out the fruits of "Mormonism." Sister Douglas and Sister Wallis each told of the blessings they had received from membership in the Church. President Douglas, in delivering the final discourse, told of the establishment of the Church, and related many faith-promoting experiences he had enjoyed.

Mission authorities and travelling Elders in attendance were: Patriarch James H. Wallis, Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis and Elder Percy L. Matthews of the European Mission; President James H. Douglas, Sister Rintha P. Douglas and Elder Perry L. Watkins of the British Mission; President Cleon H. Kerr and Elders William K. Whatcott, John F. Hawkins, David L. Rowley, Cyril A. Linford, Henry Groom, Delwin M. Clawson and Clifford G. Green of the Newcastle District; Elder Harold E. Dean of the Bristol District (released); Elder Richard G. Johnson of the European Mis-

sion Office (released); Elder C. Leigh Miller of the Liverpool District; Elder Robert J. Smith of the Birmingham District, and Elder Clarence A. England of the Norwich District.

WILLIAM K. WHATCOTT, Clerk of Conference.

CHURCH WIDE NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICES in honour of Martin Harris, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, were held May 22nd, at Clarkston, Utah. Martin Harris made his home there after rejoining the Church. Several prominent Church officials attended.

UTAH leads the United States in the percentage of farm youths attending school. Sixty-five per cent. of the boys between the ages of 14 and 20 living on farms, are enrolled in a Utah school, according to a report compiled by the federal board for vocational education.

SALT LAKE CITY ranks second among the cities in the United States in a low percentage of illiteracy, according to an official report from Washington, D. C. Peoria, Illinois, and Long Beach, California, tied for first place with only .5 per cent. of their resident illiterate. Salt Lake City had .6 per cent.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Releases and Departures: The following missionaries have been honourably released to return to their homes in the United States: Elder Harold E. Dean of the Newcastle and London Districts, June 5th, sailing July 9th, on the *Leviathan*; Elder O. Horton Transtrum of the Birmingham and Leeds Districts, June 14th, and sailed June 18th, on the *Leviathan*; Elder John Bunderson of the Ulster, Hull and Portsmouth Districts, June 15th, and sailed June 18th, on the *Leviathan*; Elder Evan Arthur of the Welsh and Nottingham Districts, June 14th, sailing July 9th, on the *Leviathan*.

Doings in the District: *Ireland*—At a baptismal held in Belfast, May 29th, two persons entered the Church. The ordinance was performed by Elders Howard F. Wood and William R. Houston. Elders George H. Curtis and Howard F. Wood confirmed the new members.

Belfast Branch sponsored a social Monday, May 30th, in honour of Sister Agnes Hislop, a member of the South London Branch. She is returning to London after a visit among the saints in Ireland. A fine programme, consisting of games and refreshments, completed the evening.

Leeds—Pupils of Miss Leonia Kershaw, I.D.M.A., entertained 150 members and friends of the Bradford Branch with dancing numbers at a concert on June 4th. At the close of the programme a bouquet of flowers was presented by Branch President D. C. A. Kimberley, who also proposed a vote of thanks to all participants.

Liverpool—At a service held at "Durham House," five people entered the Church through the waters of baptism on June 9th. The ordinance was performed by Elders C. Leigh Miller, Arnold D. White and Elmo H. Ellsworth. Confirmation took place the same day in the monthly Union Meeting.

Six people entered the Church through the waters of baptism at the Central Baths, Burnley, June 4th. The following Elders officiated: President Rock M. Kirkham, C. Leigh Miller, Ferris H. Allen and Louis G. Robinson. Confirmation was made the same day in the monthly Union Meeting.

London—A district M.I.A. competition held in the North London Branch hall on the evening of June 11th, will long be remembered for its genuine spirit of friendly competition. Victors were acclaimed as follows: Original Recitation—South London Branch; Mixed Quartette—North London Branch, and Debating—West London Branch. Sister Mabel Young Sanborn of the Genealogical Society of Utah, gave an instructive lecture on “Mission Genealogical Work.”

Priesthood of the district met *en masse* at Holloway Branch hall, the evening of June 14th. Special instruction was imparted by President James H. Douglas and Bishop James H. Wallis. Because of the meeting's success it has been decided to institute it as a regular monthly function.

Manchester—The Manchester District gave a farewell party to Sister Louisa Elizabeth Grint, who is moving to the London District. A large number were present and a delightful programme was given. Her many friends presented her with a travelling rug as a token of the esteem in which she is held. Sister Grint has been a member of the Church for twenty-two years, and was converted by reading the *Voice of Warning*, which she read through in one afternoon. She has been president of the Manchester Relief Society for sixteen years, and a teacher in the Sunday School for many years. Sister Grint is a living testimony of the blessings which come through a strict observance of the law of tithing. She has helped to maintain many missionaries here in the mission field, and has done a great work for the dead by the gathering of genealogy.

Scottish—Saturday, May 28th, a very successful Green and Gold Ball occurred in the Blythswoods Halls, Glasgow. Light refreshments were served and about 175 persons enjoyed a delightful evening of dancing. Proceeds were given to the Glasgow Branch building fund.

One person was baptized by Elder John E. Owens, Monday, June 6th, in the North Sea at Firth of Forth. Confirmation was made the same day by President A. Ray Curtis, who also conducted the baptismal service.

DEATH

WARD—Sister Clara Ward, a former member of Leeds and Doncaster Branches, died in Santa Monica, California, at the age of sixty-four years.

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